

signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson, the Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America, on June 15, 1916;

Whereas, with the enactment of the Federal charter, the Boy Scouts of America became the preeminent Scout organization for boys and was granted exclusive use of the name, "Boy Scouts of America";

Whereas the Boy Scouts of America, with a Federal charter, joins other distinguished organizations with a similar charter for service to the community, including the American Red Cross, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, and the American Legion;

Whereas the Boy Scouts of America continues to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices by teaching them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law;

Whereas the Boy Scouts of America continues to pursue the mission of "patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values" and the goal of providing "citizenship, service and leadership";

Whereas both youth and adult members strive to fulfill the Scout Motto of "Be Prepared" and the Scout Slogan of "Do a Good Turn Daily";

Whereas more than 2,400,000 youth and 1,000,000 adult volunteers are active members of the Boy Scouts of America, and more than 110,000,000 people in the United States have participated as members since 1910;

Whereas the Cub Scouts is a family-oriented program of the Boy Scouts of America that has been designed specifically to address the needs of younger boys since its origin in 1930;

Whereas youth and adult members of the Cub Scouts strive to fulfill the Cub Scout Motto of "Do Your Best";

Whereas the Venturing Program, the co-ed portion of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Exploring Program, the career initiative-based portion of the organization, continue to serve older youth;

Whereas special programs, including Scoutreach, the "History Of Scouting Trail", and the national High Adventure Bases, continue to bring Scouting to inner-city youth, educate people about the important history and heritage of the Scout Program, and provide outdoor challenges and experiences for members of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts of the Boy Scouts of America organization provide more than 28,000,000 hours of community service every year throughout cities and neighborhoods in the United States, including its territories: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes more than 100 years of service and leadership development by the Boy Scouts of America;

(2) encourages the continued emphasis of the Boy Scouts of America on character building, responsible citizenship, and outdoor stewardship;

(3) applauds the Boy Scouts of America for instilling the values of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law in young people of the United States; and

(4) congratulates the Boy Scouts of America on the 100th anniversary of the granting of a Federal charter on June 15, 1916.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 496—CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE PULSE ORLANDO NIGHTCLUB, HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE ATTACK, OFFERING CONDOLENCES TO AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND ALL THOSE AFFECTED, AND APPLAUDING THE DEDICATION AND BRAVERY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY RESPONSE, AND COUNTERTERRORISM OFFICIALS IN RESPONDING TO THE ATTACK

Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

## S. RES. 496

Whereas, in the early hours of Sunday, June 12, 2016, a 29-year-old man from Ft. Pierce, Florida, killed 49 and wounded 53 innocent people in a horrific terrorist attack on Pulse Orlando, a lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender nightclub, during Latin night;

Whereas the gunman, who was investigated in 2013-2014 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (in this preamble referred to as the "FBI") for possible connections to terrorism, pledged his allegiance to the leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (in this preamble referred to as "ISIL");

Whereas President Barack Obama called the attack an act of both terror and hate as well as an attack on all of the people of the United States and the fundamental values of equality and dignity;

Whereas the attack is the deadliest mass shooting in the modern history of the United States and the worst terrorist attack on United States soil since September 11, 2001;

Whereas the law enforcement professionals of the city of Orlando and Orange County, Florida, the Florida Department of Law En-

forcement, the FBI, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and other emergency and health care professionals responded to the attack bravely and admirably and in a coordinated manner, saving many lives;

Whereas following the attack hundreds of people stood in long lines to donate blood for those injured in the attack, and the people of Orlando, the State of Florida, and the United States expressed overwhelming support for the victims and their families regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, or sexual orientation; and

Whereas the threat of terrorist attacks against the United States and the people of the United States persists, including the threat posed by homegrown terrorists inspired by foreign terrorist organizations like ISIL: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the horrific terrorist attack on the Pulse Orlando nightclub on June 12, 2016, in which 49 innocent people were killed and 53 injured;

(2) honors the memory of the victims killed in the attack and offers heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies for their families, loved ones, and friends;

(3) expresses hope for a full and speedy recovery by and pledges continued support for those injured in the attack;

(4) applauds the dedication and bravery of local, State, and Federal law enforcement and counterterrorism officials for their efforts to respond to the attack and secure communities;

(5) stands together with all people of the United States, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, or sexual orientation, in the face of terror and hate; and

(6) reaffirms the commitment of the United States and its allies to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and other terrorist groups at home and abroad and to address the threat posed by homegrown terrorism.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 497—HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GORDON "GORDIE" HOWE

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

## S. RES. 497

Whereas Gordon Howe (in this preamble referred to as "Gordie Howe") was born in Floral, Saskatchewan, Canada, on March 31, 1928, and was invited to his first tryout with a professional hockey team at 15 years of age;

Whereas Gordie Howe entered the National Hockey League (in this preamble referred to as the "NHL") in 1946 at 18 years of age when he joined the Detroit Red Wings and scored a goal in his very first game;

Whereas Gordie Howe played right wing on the "Production Line", the most productive offensive scoring unit in the NHL from the late 1940s through the mid-1950s;

Whereas Gordie Howe played 25 seasons with the Detroit Red Wings and led the team to 4 Stanley Cup championships;

Whereas, in 1972, Gordie Howe was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame;

Whereas, in 1973, Gordie Howe joined the Houston Aeros of the World Hockey Association (in this preamble referred to as the "WHA") to fulfill a dream of playing hockey on the same professional team as his sons;

Whereas Gordie Howe proceeded to win the Most Valuable Player award of the WHA and lead the Houston Aeros to the WHA championship;